

DOD approves Space-A travel for noncommand sponsored dependents

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Military family members flying into Kunsan Air Base no longer have to fly commercial air.

According to recent guidance from Air Mobility Command headquarters, U.S. Forces Korea will now offer Space-A travel into their area of responsibility as a participant in the noncommand sponsored dependents program.

"This is an excellent program, particularly for people here at Kunsan, which is an unaccompanied tour location," said Chris Chipp, Air Mobility Command alternate station manager, Kunsan Air Base.

"I believe that this will improve the quality of life for a number of servicemembers around the peninsula."

According to Chipp, younger servicemembers and their dependents don't utilize Space-A travel as frequently as those members who have been in the Air Force for a while.

"We hope this program will raise the awareness of Space-A travel use," said Chipp.

The Kunsan AMC terminal has been working closely with various offices around base to get the word out about noncommand sponsored dependent travel

and other services. One service many Wolf Pack warriors might not know about is the shuttle to Osan.

"Space-A travel on the Patriot Express to Osan is free," said Chipp. "If people have the time off, and seats are available, people can take advantage of this flight and return to Kunsan via Wolf Pack Wheels."

According to regulations, dependents traveling unaccompanied by the servicemember are authorized to fly category five and normal Space-A signup procedures will apply.

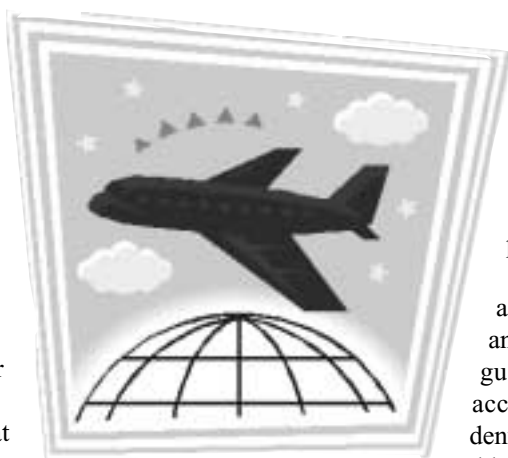
A dependent traveling must have his or her identification card and a valid passport.

Members are also reminded that an eligible parent or guardian must accompany dependents under 18 years old.

"As with all Space-A travel, the sooner members signup, the better his or her chances are to catch a flight," said Chipp.

For more information about Space-A travel or general sign up procedures, visit the Kunsan AMC Web page at www.kunsan.af.mil/milpages/amc/Pax/Pax.htm, or call the Kunsan passenger services terminal at 782-4666.

"We will support this program to the fullest and will continue to provide the highest standard of customer service that Kunsan is renowned for," said Chipp.



Space-A travel information

Baggage limitations are as follows:

g MD-11, C-141, C-17, C-5, C-130 - two pieces of checked baggage not to exceed 70 pounds per piece or 62 linear inches, and one hand carried not to exceed 45 linear inches.

g C-9 - two pieces of checked baggage and one hand carried not to exceed 55 pounds total weight. Hand carried baggage cannot exceed 5 x 18 x 19 inches.

g C-12 and C-21 - two pieces of checked baggage and one hand carried not to exceed 30 pounds total weight.

Operating hours:

g Normal terminal operating hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Signup

g Space-A passengers may sign up for travel at 12:01 a.m. on the day their leave begins.

g Signup may be accomplished in person, by faxing a copy of leave or orders to the passenger terminal, or by filling out the Space-A sign up form available on the Kunsan AMC web site at www.kunsan.af.mil/milpages/amc/Pax/Pax.htm.

Infants and car seats

g Seats must be available for all passengers on each flight. When infants under the age of two, below the weight of 40 pounds, and under 40 inches are accepted as passengers, the parent or guardian must provide their own Federal Aviation Approved approved infant/car seat.

Wolf's Bytes

You're the best Wolf Pack! I mentioned before that we're the team of teams, and we proved it! Last week, units integrated, boundaries disappeared and the Wolf Pack carved its own distinct mark in the legendary Wolf Pack lore. The Pacific Air Forces Inspector General validated that mark with a stamp of excellence.

We had some tense moments, and we stumbled a bit out of the gate, but what impressed me most was when things didn't go as planned the Wolf Pack never quit and our strength became obvious. Our strength is the "Pack".

During the pep rally I said, "We'll either survive together or we'll die together." Each time a situation occurred, the Pack rallied together and turned mistakes into strengths. We did more than survive: we excelled. We showed incredible fortitude and an uncanny ability to adapt and overcome in the face of adversity.

In fact, adversity brought out the best in the Wolf Pack. That comes as no surprise to me. Over the course of the year no matter what the challenge, teamwork and excellence has been our hallmark.

It is also testimony to the superb leadership of our commanders, senior noncommissioned officers and junior NCOs.

Thank you for keeping the troops motivated, focused and on task during this inspection and over the course of the year.

A special thank you to those who went out into the field and kept our troops motivated. Fighting the scenarios and nature's elements is no easy task.

We expect a lot from our airmen and they delivered in fine fashion. It showed as we received an outstanding in command and control as well as achieved an eye-watering sortie generation rate. To me that shows a lot of personal pride and professionalism.

Moreover, it proves to me that we're more than excellent. In my opinion, we're OUTSTANDING!

We did a fine job defending the base, accepting follow-on forces and taking the fight north.

From medics to services, pilots to logisticians, civil engineers to security forces defending the base and all others in between, everyone had a role in the mission.

It was a textbook example of one team, one fight. Thank you Wolf Pack!

Pride of the Pack



Job: 8th Transportation Squadron Unit Training and Safety manager

Follow-on base: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Hometown: Twin Falls, Idaho

Family: Mother Linda and Father Charles

Hobbies: Fishing and golf

Words of wisdom: "Safety is the key to getting the job done."

The Pride of the Pack is nominated by his or her commander, first sergeant or supervisor, or any Wolf Pack member, for outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the mission. To nominate a Wolf Pack member, send a nomination to the individual's group commander.



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